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In response to the restriction requirement mailed October 6, 2003 for the subject case wherein the applicant was required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, applicant selects the subspecies wherein the electrodes and/or catheter discharge portion is implanted with a perineal approach. The claims readable on this elected species are

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claims 4 and 31-38. In the event that no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, applicant reserves the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected species in a continuing application(s).

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